

# Directors of Baltimore Terrapins Authorize \$50,000 to Keep Suit in Court

## BALTIMORE TO RAISE \$50,000 FOR PRESSING FEDERAL SUIT

Peace Pact May Be Held Up by Disgruntled Directors of Terrapins, Who Hold Special Meeting.

Do Not Wish Papers Filed With Judge Landis Withdrawn and Are Organized to Have Court Decide.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Those Baltimore Federal League stockholders mean to go the limit in their battle against organized baseball, and if they carry out their plans formulated at yesterday's big meeting, the peace pact will hardly be ratified for some time. Ban Johnson has said that it will be impossible for the American League to continue any further negotiations until the suit in Judge Landis' court is withdrawn. The Baltimore stockholders, apparently, have no intention of agreeing to withdraw it.

The directors of the Terrapins have been authorized to raise \$50,000 to wage a court fight to recover damages for losses they claim to have sustained through the failure of the Federal League promoters to consider them when peace on the diamond was declared.

Baltimore plans to spend the \$50,000 in pushing the suit before the United States District Court for Northern Illinois. The following quotation from the report of the directors, adopted by the stockholders, indicates what action the Terrapins propose:

"We recommend that the suit pending in Illinois be pushed, and that a new proceeding be instituted at once to recover triple damages under the Clayton act."

For the purpose of pushing these proceedings the board should be authorized to raise as much as \$50,000, in such manner as the board shall determine.

"The board should also have power to settle or compromise any suit that may be instituted, if favorable terms shall be received."

"It is, of course, a source of great regret to our management that the affairs of the club are in the position indicated in the above statement."

"It is even more to be regretted that through defections from the ranks of Federal League, owners and managers, brought about by the efforts of the representatives of organized baseball and without fault of our management or of the citizens of Baltimore, the opportunity to establish permanently in this city a ball team of the highest caliber in competition with teams from other cities of equal importance, is apparently lost for the present."

"Your management is of the opinion, therefore, that the only course to pursue is to press to the limit the rights of this corporation, in the courts, if necessary, believing that a tame acquiescence in the high-handed and wrongful acts of those who have destroyed your property would be of no advantage, and would do little credit to your business foresight or courage."

According to President Rasin, the Baltimoreans will sue to be reimbursed for about \$250,000, including \$100,000 spent in building a ball park. The directors have been given permission to sell the park, and whatever players belong to the club. Baltimore admits that it has absolutely no chance whatever of breaking into the big leagues.

Manager Griffith is rather peeved to-day over the report that Walter Johnson, Zeb Millan, and George McRide, unwilling to visit Charlottesville again, will pay their own expenses to train at Hot Springs, Ark., joining the Griffiths here when the team comes to open its exhibition series.

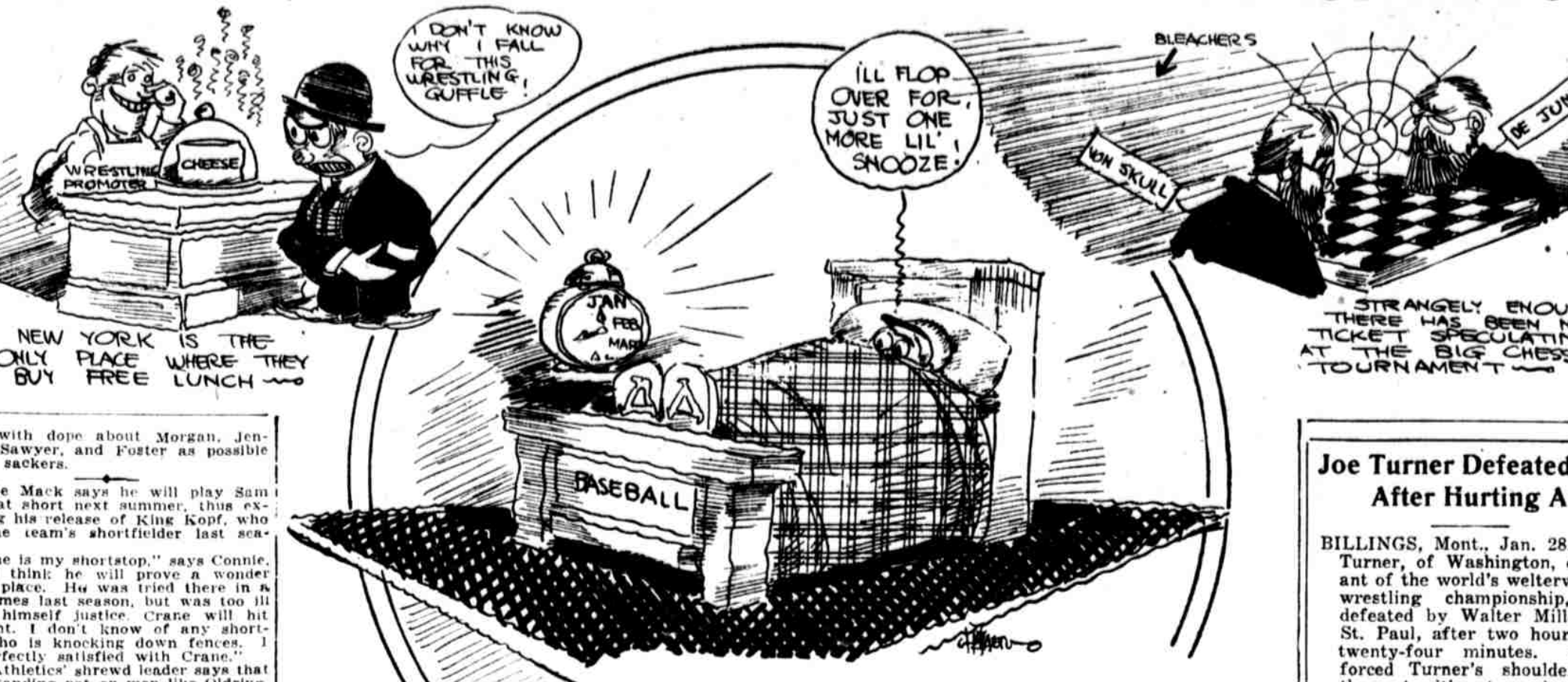
"That's all wrong," says the Old Fox. "I have ordered Millan to go to Hot Springs. He is a slow starter, and I have ordered him to spend a month there. Johnson wrote me asking permission to join Millan, and I readily complied. I don't know much about McRide. A few days ago he received a letter from him in which he said that he did not yet know whether he would go to the Springs or not."

"There's one thing I want settled, though. My ball players are not running my club. They'll report to me at Charlottesville whenever I give the order."

"It is customary for all ball clubs to pay training expenses for their players. The Washington club is no exception."

In his effort to give Washington a square deal, Ban Johnson is gathering all the evidence possible in the case of Joe Gedeon, the young infielder sold recently by Harry F. Sinclair to the New York Yankees. According to the peace pact agreed upon in Cincinnati, December 22, 1915, it would seem that Gedeon must go to the Yankees. Manager Griffith's strongest argument is that he paid Gedeon \$200,000 for an option on his services in 1915, and that he exercised this option before August 15, 1915. A decision in this matter will be made in a few days. Until then Washington fans will have to worry

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along with dope about Morgan, Jennings, Sawyer, and Foster as possible second sackers.

Connie Mack says he will play Sam Crane at short next summer, thus explaining his release of King Kopf, who was the team's shortstop last season.

"Crane is my shortstop," says Connie. "and I think he will prove a wonder at the place. He was tried there in a few games last season, but was too ill to do himself justice. Crane will hit all right. I don't know of any shortstop who is knocking down fences. I am perfectly satisfied with Crane."

The Athletics' shrewd leader says that he is standing pat on men like Oldring, McInnis, Schang, Strunk, Walsh, and Crane, but that he is not sure about the others. He may drop a few more before the season gets under way.

With Kopf, Pitchers Knowlton and Sherman have been released to Jack Dunn's Baltimore Internationals. Connie thinks they need more experience before entering fast company.

To put a pennant winner in New York, Colonel Ruppert and Captain Huston have spent \$120,000 since October, 1915. Some of this money may not have been paid over yet, being dependent upon some of the players making good, but if they all stick, the Yankees will have spent more than any other club in both leagues. Here is how the money has gone:

Player	Price paid
Lee Magee	\$22,500
Pitcher Cullum	12,500
Infielder Gedeon	5,000
Pitcher Tipton	5,000
Outfielder Gilhooly	5,000
Pitcher Morrell	5,000
Pitcher Russell	5,000
Catcher Alexander	5,000
Outfielder Hendry	5,000
Outfielder Miller	5,000
Pitcher Markle	5,000

The above accounts for \$83,000. The remainder of the \$120,000 has gone out in various other minor deals.

When the National League meets in New York next month, Harry Hempstead, the Giants' manager, will wage another fight on the twenty-one-player limit. He wants at least twenty-five men allowed to play. The latter was approved by the American League, and it works well enough.

Claude Hastings, once a pitcher at Washington and Lee University, is to be given a trial with the Red Sox this spring.

Tommy Leach, the veteran outfielder recently released by Cincinnati, may become manager of the Newark Internationals within a few days.

Harry Lord, former third baseman with the White Sox and Red Sox, may buy Hughie Duffy's Portland club, in the New England League. He has tendered Duffy a \$100,000 offer. The latter may become manager of the Rochester Internationals next season. Lord lives in Portland.

As the days pass, Charlie Somers, owner of the Cleveland Indians, will be more and more likely to be the owner of the Cleveland Indians. The bankers' committee, handling his financial affairs, admit that outside interests are desiring for the club, but they also admit that the prospects of their obtaining it are not bright. It may be that the season will open with Somers still an American League magnate.

If Somers is still owner, at least in name of the Indians, nothing will prevent Clark Griffith's sending Chick Gandil to Cleveland. Gandil wants to go there, and Somers wants him. Ban Johnson has agreed to arrange the deal and that's all there is to it.

Ban Johnson has not announced any date when he will return to Cleveland. He is waiting for the bankers' committee to arrange for a possible purchaser of Charlie Somers' interests. If the committee fails by the time the campaign opens, Somers will hold his place among the magnates.

That time scene is shown by a wee paragraph in a Williamsport, Pa., paper, which says that "ten years ago today" Manager Jimmie Sebring signed Charlie Street, a catcher, Frank Corison, a pitcher, and Robert Unglaub, an infielder. That was in the days of the old Tri-State League, an out-of-date organization, which rattled along until it collapsed.

Charlie Street has dropped out of sight. His last appearance in the big show was with the New York Yankees, to whom he went from Washington in 1912. He last played with the Philadelphia Phillies, but has long since dropped by the wayside.

Bob Unglaub was once first baseman in the Capital. He is now manager of the Fargo, N. D., club in the Northern League.

Jimmy Sebring, the manager who signed this trio, has been dead several years, after a brief but brilliant career in Pittsburgh.

**SINCLAIR TO SEEK CARDINALS ON TRIP**

Oklahoma Oil Man, on Way Home, Will Confer With Brittons in Mound City.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Harry Sinclair is expected to start for St. Louis today for further dickering in the Cardinal deal. Sinclair feels that the team is "badly in need of overhauling and not worth \$100,000." He said it would take money to work up public interest in the team, that a new grand stand must be built, and that he was going to talk it over with Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler P. Britton. Sinclair will go to his Tulsa, Okla., home and get back for the baseball banquet here, February 3.

**Fulton Is Favorite.**

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 28.—Fred Fulton, who meets Rocky Flynn, the Boston heavyweight, in a twenty-round bout here tonight, is a 6 to 5 favorite in the light betting. The Minnesota youngster believes he can easily outbox Flynn.

**Boxing Notes.**

Kid Bryan, of Nebraska, obtained the newspaper decision over Young Wilson, of Washington. It was awarded to Bryan.

**Answers To Queries.**

Editor Querries: Dear Sir, some time ago I read in the papers about those fearful cane rushes and bowl fights, where these young college students are killed and injured. Isn't it time for Congress to pass legislation prohibiting vicious bowl fights and cruel cane rushes? Yours for reform, ANNA CRAB.

Congress will take that up directly, Ama. At present, they are sewed up on minor details such as the submarine question, the Mexican embargo, and the preparedness squabble. The more important questions such as bowl fights, mosquitoes, cane rushes and beach charges for laundering Palm Beach suits will come up later.

Ed Querries—How is it that there isn't any more six-day bicycle races held in this part of the country? Sincerely yours, KNOTT THAIR.

Give credit to an all-providing and indulgent nature. Suppose the seventeen-year locusts were to visit us every year?

**DAVID RUDOLPH**

"The football rules committee will meet in February. All the rules will be revised except the free pass one."

**MINCE PIE.**

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING. By "Bugs" Baer.

Sinclair has the incorrect slant. Instead of disposing of ballplayers to magnates, he could make more coin with a stable of good harness busted spectators.

Henry Ford, the philanthropist, is willing to overlook any convict's past and provide him with employment in his factory, but even Henry has failed to come to the relief of the ex-Fed League umpire.

Anybody who calls Oscar Stange a truck this season will be promoting Oscar considerably. Trucks displayed at this year's auto show are capable of traveling fifty miles an hour.

**KID BRYAN**

Kid Bryan, the fighting editor of the "Commoner," Lincoln, Nebraska.

**JOE TURNER DEFEATED AFTER HURTING ANKLE**

BILLINGS, Mont., Jan. 28.—Joe Turner, of Washington, claimant of the world's welterweight wrestling championship, was defeated by Walter Miller, of St. Paul, after two hours and twenty-four minutes. Miller forced Turner's shoulders to the mat with a toe grip. Turner's ankle was so badly wrenched that he conceded the second fall.

**JACK HEGARTY MAY GO TO ST. LOUIS U.**

Former Georgetown Star, Later Coach at Raleigh, Is Now Being Considered.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 28.—Jack Hegarty, former Georgetown University star tackle and captain, is being considered as possible football coach at St. Louis University. For three years Hegarty has been coaching at North Carolina A. and M., at Raleigh, N. C., and has been meeting with considerable success. His 1915 eleven won from Uncle Sam's noddies.

"We have not decided yet just what we shall do in the matter of hiring a coach," says Father Herman, faculty director of athletics at St. Louis University. "We have received applications from so many good men that we are somewhat at a loss which way to go."

Hegarty finished his college football career three years ago and since then has been coaching the North Carolina Aggies. In 1914 he had a strong team, tying the strong Georgetown eleven, which ran wild over the Billingtons here last Thanksgiving Day. Last season, through loss of internals, he did not have so much success, but the Aggies did manage to defeat the Navy.

Hegarty's name goes into the hat now composed of L. F. Fuller, Harry Whitney, Brad Robinson, Chuck Wilson, Jim Barron, Frank Schneider, and Linkard.

**MILLERS GET BURK.**

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 28.—Sanford Burk, the pitcher who hopped from the Indianapolis American Association club to the local Pirates, and was to go to Joe Cantillon's Minneapolis Millers.

**KILBANE MEETS HOMMEY.**

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28.—Featherweight Champion Johnny Kilbane is scheduled to clash with Packey Hommey, of New York, here at the Olympia Monday night in a six-round bout.

**FRANK BAKER SAYS HE MAY BE YANKEE**

Is Through With Mackmen, But Will Go to New York If Terms Are Satisfactory.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 28.—"I will play with the Yankees this year, provided satisfactory terms are arranged between the owners of the club and myself," said Frank Baker last night in a telephone communication at his home in Trappe, Md.

"I don't believe there is a chance in a million of my playing with the Athletics," he said when asked what he would do if he failed to come to terms with another club.

Baker said he was taking things easily down on the farm, that he and his family were enjoying good health, and that he was not giving baseball a thought.

The man who knocked Broadway into the Atlantic Ocean several years ago declared he had not been rattled that Captain Huston was to pay him a visit. The Yankees was about to visit him.

"It is all news to me, for I have not heard from any one connected with the Yankees for six weeks or two months," Baker said.

Baker was told of a report that Captain Huston was to pay him a visit and offer him a contract calling for more than \$7,500 for this year. It was then that Frank said he would play with New York, provided everything was satisfactorily arranged.

Captain Huston and Joe Kelley, scout of the Yankees, are the guests of Wilbert Robinson on a hunting expedition near Annapolis. It was stated that the party probably would not return to Baltimore until the last of the week.

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